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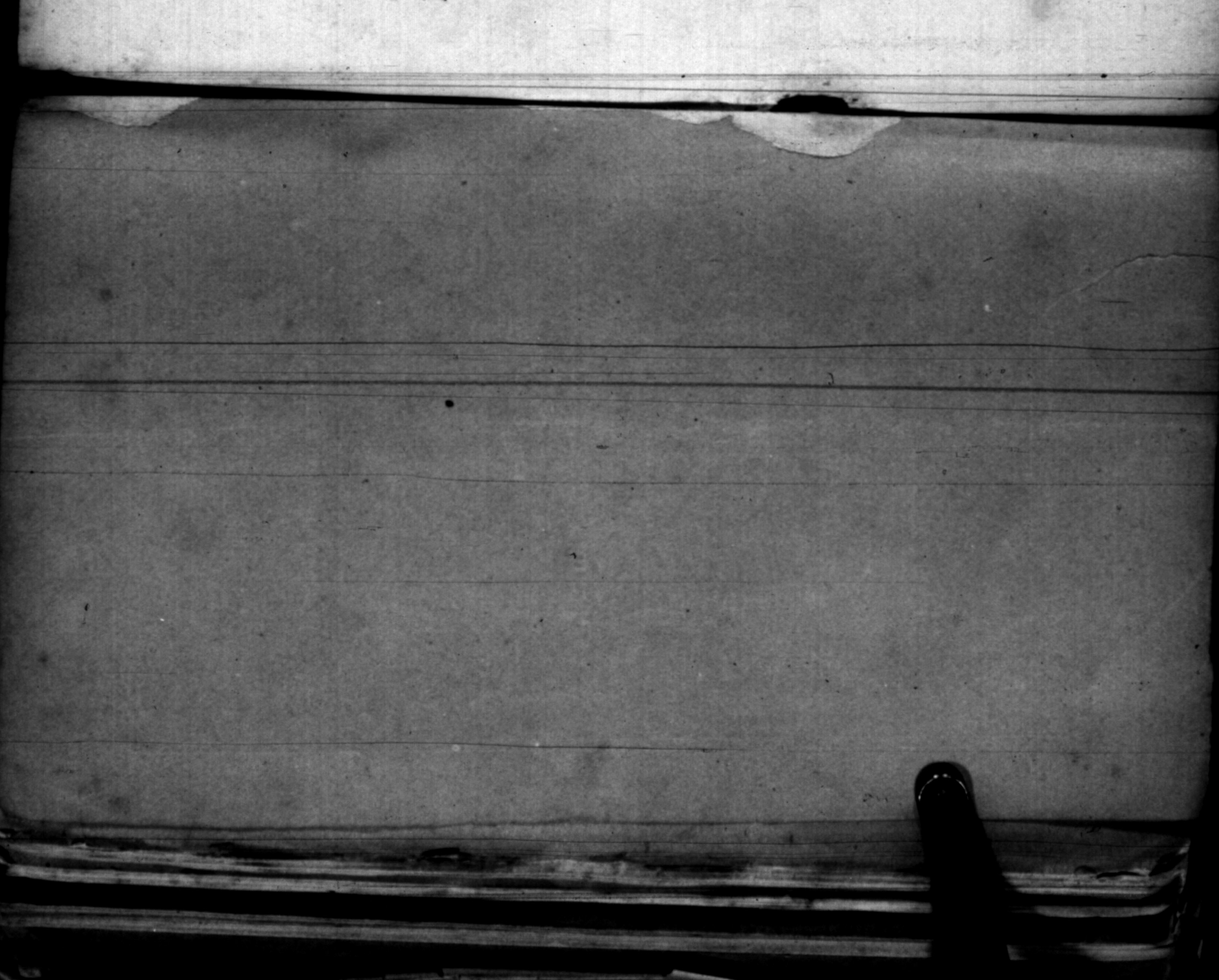

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

LIBERTY, Miss., Friday Oct 26, 1888.

Owing to the excitement caused by the appearance of yellow fever in Jackson, the regular annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Association, was postponed for two weeks, and convened this day in its eighty-second annual session with the Liberty Baptist church, Amite county, Miss.

The Association was called to order at 11 o'clock by Elder R. N. Hall, the former Moderator, who conducted the devotional exercise, reading the sixty-second Psalm.

As the minister appointed at last meeting to preach the introductory sermon at this hour, was absent, on motion the same was postponed till 7 o'clock, p. m.

Eld. J. T. Christian and Bro. P. L. Marselas were appointed reading clerks.

The following-named churches were represented by letter and delegates as follows:

Bethel—A. W Jones and L. H. Haygood.

Centreville—H. M. Edwards and A. A. Roark.

East Fork—H. G. Quin, E. A. Bates and W. M. Robinson.

Ebeneezer—C. A. Young.

Galilee—S. T. Van Norman, R. M. Dixon, E. T. Smith and W. W. Bolls

Hopewell—T. J. Scott and W. A. Reynolds.

Liberty—R. J. Stewart, G. F. Webb and J. L. Thompson.

Mars Hill—R. N. Hall, P. L. Marselas, J. A. Burris and E. B. Burris.

McComb City—D. M. Huff and T. Frank Causey.

Mount Zion—H I. Weathersby, Wm. Mullins, G. H. Godbold, E. L. Scott and W. A. Lea.

New Hope, Franklin Co.—J. R. Mullins and P. N. Foy.

New Providence—W. D. Hazlewood and W. I. Causey.

New Salem—J. H. Cruise and John Byrd.

New Zion—O. D. Newman and J. A. Jenkins.

Rameh—W. L. Smith and Z. M. Nettles.

Sarepta—T. P. Stewart.

Siloam—J. D. Jones and Wm. McAllister.

Summit- B. F. Walker and J. C. Covington.

Zion Hill—M Wicker and K. L. Butler.

RE-ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Bro. T. J. Scott, Bro. Geo. F. Webb, was authorized to cast the vote of the delegates present for the re-election of

Elder R. N. Hall.....Moderator
D. M. Huff.....Clerk
W. Z. Lea.....Treasurer

as officers of the Association for the ensuing year.

NEW CHURCHES ADMITTED.

New Hope church, Amite county, presented a letter of dismissal from the Magee's Creek Baptist Association and petitioned for membership. On motion the church was

received and the name of Bro. P. A. Green enrolled as a delegate from said church.

A petitionary letter was read from Mount Pleasant Baptist church and a committee, consisting of Dr. H. I. Weathersby, J. A. Burris and W. I. Causey, was appointed to examine the Articles of Faith of said church. Similar letters were also received and read from the Concord and Beulah Baptist churches and committees of three consisting of S. T. Van Norman, Wm. Mullins, Geo. F. Webb, R. J. Stewart, E. A. Bates and O. D. Newman, were appointed to examine the Articles of Faith of said churches. The several committees retired and after due consideration rendered a favorable report; and on taking a vote the churches were unanimously received as members of the Association and the following-named brethren were given seats as delegates from said churches to this session of the Association, to-wit:

Mount Pleasant—W. M. Ezell.

Concord—Geo. M. Cain and J. F. Burris.

Beulah—No delegates present.

On motion of Bro. P. L. Marselas, it was ordered that this Association meet at 9 a. m.; adjourn at 12 m.; re-assemble at 1 p. m. and adjourn at 3:30 p. m.

MESSENGERS.

Messengers from corresponding bodies being called for the following reported, and were cordially received and invited to seats by the Moderator, viz:

1 Eld. J. T. Christian from Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Southern Baptist Record.

2 Bro. A. J. Cook from Bogue Chitto Association.

3 Bro. N. S. Cutrer from Mississippi River Association.

4 Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg from Union Association.

5 Elds. A. Sleeper and W. Smith, from the Homochitto

(colored) Association.

CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as messengers to corresponding bodies, namely:

1 Bogue Chitto Association—meets with Moak's Creek church, on 3rd Saturday in September, 1889.—B. F. Walker, J. A. Jenkins, R. J. Stewart, D. M. Huff, R. N. Hall and P. L. Marselas.

2 Union Association meets with Fellowship church on Friday before 4th Sunday of September, 1889.—W. W. Bolis, W. J. Weatherly and D. M. Huff.

3 Homochitto (colored) Association—B. F. Walker, Geo. Cain and J. A. Jenkins.

4. Mississippi River Association—meets with Kedron church, St Helena, Parish La., Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, 1889.—E. T. Smith, R. N. Hall and D. M. Huff.

5 Mississippi College- D. M. Huff, Geo. F. Webb, R. J. Stewart and T. J. Scott.

6 Carey Association—T. P. Stewart, W. P. Gardner, K. L. Butler, E. T. Smith, J. R. Mullins, W. W. Bolls, P. N. Foy and J. A. Bolls.

7 Mississippi Baptist Convention. On motion, any member of this Association attending the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was authorized to represent us in that body at its next session, to be held in West Point, July 1889.

8 Southern Baptist Convention. On motion, Eld. R. N. Hall was elected delegate and Eld. R. J. Stewart, alternate. The next session of the Convention will be held at Memphis, Tenn., Friday, May 10, 1889.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, to-wit:

1 Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Liberty church, H. I. Weathersby and P A. Green.

2 Finance—J. A. Burris, K. L. Butler and W. D. Hazlewood.

3 Publications—T. J. Scott, G. H. Godbold and G. F. Webb.

4 Mississippi College—W. W. Bolls, E. T. Smith, E. A. Bates and J. R. Mullins.

5 Foreign Missions—W. L. A. Stanburg, R. M. Dixon, T. P. Stewart, W. J. Weatherly and S. H. Thompson.

6 Sunday Schools—P. L. Marselas, H. M. Edwards and R. J. Stewart.

7 Abstract of Letters—W. I. Causey, T. F. Causey, W. L. Smith, J. L. Thompson, John Byrd and J. H. Cruise.

8 Lea Female College—D. M. Huff, B. F Walker, G. M. Cain, C. A. Young and W. M. Robinson.

9 Obituaries—E. T. Smith, W. A. Reynolds, P. N. Foy and A. A. Roark.

10 Nominations—J. F. Burris, J. C. Covington, Z. M. Nettles, G. M. Cain and W. A. Lea.

11 Plan of Work—R. J. Stewart, G. M. Cain, S. T. Van Norman, O. D. Newman and E. L. Scott. On motion, Eld-R N. Hall, was added to this Committee.

12 Sustentation—J. A. Burris, K. L. Butler, J D. Jones, W. M. Ezell and Wm. McAllister.

13 Correspondence. To prepare letters for messengers —P. L. Marselas and J. A. Jenkins.

14 Prohibition—W. F. Love, W. W. Bolls, W. I. Causey and P. L. Marselas.

15 Pastor's Support—W. Z. Lea, W. J. Weatherley and T. J. Scott.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following partial report:

To preach Introductory Sermon in Baptist church, Friday night at 7:30 Eld. W. W. Bolls; to preach in Baptist church on Saturday night, Eld. E. T. Smith.

On motion the report was received and adopted, and then the Association adjourned till 9:00 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. W. W. Bolls.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

At the appointed hour, a large congregation assembled in the Baptist church to hear the Introductory Sermon, which was preached by Eld. W W. Bolls, from Ephesians, 1 chapter, 3rd verse: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, October 27, 1888.

The Association met at nine o'clock, and, after the devotional exercise, the minutes of previous day were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. P L. Marselas the hour of 11 o'clock was appointed for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Home and State missions.

Bro. T. J. Scott read the report of the Committee on Publications which was discussed, amended and adopted. (App. A.)

Eld. H. G. Quin, read the report of the Committee on Home and State Missions, which was discussed and adopted. (App. B.)

The Association then adjourned till 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at the appointed hour.

Eld. W. W. Bolls read a letter from the Woodville Baptist church announcing the death of Bro. S. E. McDonald and requesting that a committee be appointed by this Association to prepare a suitable tribute to his memory. The Moderator appointed Eld. W. W. Bolls and Bro. W. Bro. W. Z. Lea as said Committee.

Eld. R. J. Stewart read a partial report of the Committee on Religious Exercises as follows: Meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Union in Baptist church at 9:30 a. m. Sunday; preaching at 11 o'clock, a. m. in Baptist church, by Eld. J. T. Christian and at same hour in Presbyterian church by Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg.

Eld. W. W. Bolls read the report of the Committee on Mississippi College, which was discussed and adopted. (App. C.)

On motion of Bro. H. I. Werthersby, it was ordered, That the Treasurer, pay Eld. S. H. Thompson balance due him for services rendered as missionary, within the bounds of the Association.

Bro. W. A. Reynolds was upon motion, excused from further attendance upon this session of the Association.

A voluntary contribution amounting to $20.00 was made to the Slaughter, La., Baptist church—$2.00 of which was given by the Ladies Missionary Aid Society.

At 3:15 o'clock the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

At 7 o'clock, Eld. E. T. Smith, preached in the Baptist church from Acts viii—21: "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God."

THIRD DAY.

Sunday, October 28, 1888.

At 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, the Ladies Missionary Union convened in the Baptist church and held a very interesting session. The devotional exercise was conducted by Eld. W. W. Bolls who read a portion of Scripture recorded by John and led in prayer. Sister P. L. Bates, Vice-President of the Central Committee on Woman's Work for Missions and President of the Ladies Missionary Union, delivered an interesting address at the conclusion of which the roll was called. The following Societies were represented by letter or delegates: Gloster, Liberty, Centreville, Zion Hill, East Fork, Hopewell, Mars Hill, Summit, New Providence and Bethel.

At 11 o'clock, Eld, J. T. Christian preached from a portion of the tenth verse of the sixth chapter of Matthew; "Thy kingdom come." At the conclusion of his discourse several ladies passed through the audience and took up a collection for missions amounting to forty-four dollars and thirty cents.

Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg preached at the same hour in the Presbyterian church from ——— ———. The collection for missions there amounted to seven dollars and fifty cents.

In the afternoon, the Ladies' Missionary Union reassembled in the Baptist church, when essays were read, as follows "Lord,: what wilt thou have me to do," by Mrs. Mattie J. Webb; "Witnessing for Jesus" by Miss Callender; "Christian Work" by Mrs. E. C. Oliver. These essays were all good and were listened to with marked attention.

Eld. R. N. Hall, preached in the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock from the words, "By their fruits ye shall know them" and Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg preached at 7 o'clock in the Baptist church, selecting his text from Job xxii:21:

"Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Monday, October 29, 1888.

The Association met at the appointed hour.

The devotional exercise was conducted by Eld. J. T. Christian, who read a portion of i Corinthians. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Griffin.

The minutes of previous day were read, corrected and approved.

Bro. J. F. Burris read the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was received and adopted. (App. D.)

Bro. W. I. Causey read the report of the Committee on Abstracts, which was received and adopted. (App. E.)

The annual report of Sister P. L. Bates, Vice President of the Central Committee on Woman's Work for Missions was read by Eld. J. T. Christian, and adopted by the Association. (App. F.)

Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg read report of the Committee on Foreign Missions which was adopted with the following resolution by Bro. H. I. Weathersby:

"Believing that God has answered the prayers bf the Mississippi Baptist Association by giving Sister Mattie Cook to the Foreign Missionary work, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Board appointed by the Association are requested to urge their respective churches to give sufficient means to educate said sister." (App. G.)

The sum of $83.85 in cash and subscriptions, was raised to help pay the board and tuition of Sister Mattie Cook at the

Blue Mountain Female College, which she will shortly enter with the view of preparing herself for missionary work in a foreign land

The report of the Committee on Lea Female College was read by Bro. D. M. Huff and adopted. (App. H.)

The hour for dinner having arrived the Association adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at the appointed hour.

Bro. K. L. Butler read report of the Committee on Sustentation which was adopted with the following resolution offered by Bro. H. I. Weathersby:

"The manner in which sustentation has been heretofore conducted being unsatisfactory and not knowing the condition, financially, of our aged ministers. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That each church to which such minister belongs appoint a Committee to investigate their financial condition and report same to our next Association."

This resolution was amended by adding that the several churches composing this Association, endeavor to raise the sum of $200.00 for Eld. Peter Turner and Eld. W. H. Tucker. (App. I.)

Bro. W. F. Love read the report of the Committee on Prohibition which was discussed and adopted. (App. J.)

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. H. M. Edwards and adopted. (App. K.)

Eld. E. T. Smith read report of the Committee on Obituaries which was adopted. (App. L.)

Eld. W W. Bolls read the obituary of Bro. S. E. McDonald which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. (App. M.)

Bro. Geo. M. Cain read report of the Committee on Plan of Work which was adopted. (App. N.)

Bro T. J. Scott read report of Committee on Pastoral Support, which was adopted. (App O.)

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by Bro. K. L. Butler and adopted. (App. P.)

On motion, Bro G. F. Webb and Bro. J. D. Lea were appointed as a Committee to audit the Treasurer's report, and forward same to the Clerk with their certificate.

The delegates present were, upon motion, requested to call the attention of their several churches to the petition of the Mount Pleasant church and endeavor to raise a contribution for said church.

On motion, Sister P. L. Bates was recommended by the Association for re-appointment as Vice-President of the Central Committee on Woman's Work for Missions.

The following resolutions were introduced and passed as in the order written.

By D. M. Huff:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of this church and to the people of the town of Liberty and vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors while the Association was in session.

By Eld. R. J. Stewart:

That the Clerk of this Association prepare and have the minutes of this session printed; that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for funds to defray the expenses of the same and that he be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services.

By Eld. R. J. Stewart:

RESOLVED, That this Association hereby return thanks to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their house of worship for preaching, during the meeting of this body.

By Bro. S. T. Van Norman:

RESOLVED, That this Association appoint a Committee

consisting of three brethren and one sister, from same church to take charge of the work of educating Sister Mattie Cook; that all money, and all contributions by the Ladies Aid Societies, collected for Sister Cook, be sent to this Committee, and that said Committee be required to render a report at the next session of the Association."

The Moderator appointed Brethren S. T. Van Norman, E. B. McLain and R. M. Dixon and Sister Susan Webb, to constitute said Committee. Contributions sent to either of them at Gloster City, Amite county, Miss., will be thankfully received and promptly forwarded to Sister Mattie Cook.

The Association then proceeded to select, by a rising vote, a place for holding its next session, which resulted in the selection of the New Zion Baptist church, Amite county, Miss.

On motion the minutes of the entire session were approved without being read and as the choir sang an appropriate song, the parting hand was given by the delegates and then the Association adjourned to meet with the New Zion Baptist church, Amite county, Miss., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, A. D. 1889

D. M. HUFF,
Clerk.

R. N HALL,
Moderator.

APPENDICES.

A.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publication would report, that we believe it the duty of Christians to avail themselves of every influence by which their growth in purpose and in service for the Master's cause, may be promoted.

Moral strength comes from moral qualities The development of the individual Christian, depends largely on the motives of action. Base motives will produce base life. Exalted motives lead to exalted conduct. A life fruitless in service for God and humanity, is traceable to spiritual poverty in motives. No fact is clearer than this, that a useful, Christian life is a product. Without wholesome, moral and religious food, an earnest, useful, Christian life is an impossibility. Christian newspapers have a most beneficent mission in the development of a vigorous Christian life. The practical good effect of a religious newspaper in a family, cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

We heartily recommend to all our brethren, that they subscribe for the Southern Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss.; the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.; the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., and last, above all other literature, to read the Bible, the Book of books. For we are commanded to "search the Scriptures, for they are they which do testify of me."

T. J. Scott,
Chairman.

B.—REPORT OF COMMITTE HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home and State Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The increase of population, internal improvements and the progressive age, demand activity in the churches for the spread of the Gospel. We deem it the best plan for the advancement of the Master's cause, to continue the co-operation with the State Board, and we recommend to the different churches composing t is body, to pay over to the State Board, all money collected for Missions to be disbursed throughout the State, as they, in their judgment, deem best. And as the Board required of us one thousand dollars last year, we deem it a good measure to recommend that the churches composing our body, make up the same amount for the ensuing year. We also recommend the same plan of work in the way of Missions we had last year to be continued. Therefore we recommend this body to request the churches to raise their proportionate amount as soon as convenient.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. QUIN,
Chairman.

C.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committe on Mississippi College beg leave to report, that they have taken the matter under careful consideration and are happy to say that the College never was in a more prosperous condition than at the present. The outlook is certainly flattering, unless some wonderful calamity should befall it. There were more students in attendance

last session, than ever before. But unfortunately, the means to sustain it and put it on high ground is not as good as it should be. It should be endowed so that the salaries of the Professors would be on a firm basis, which can only be done by endowing it We are glad to say there is a look in this direction and we would join with the Convention in accepting the offer of the Ladies Aid Society, in taking part in the raising of this endowment. Mississippi can and must endow it. There is no institution that deserves it more. When we see what it has done for our denomination in the State, we are bold to say that we cannot do without it.

Respectfully,

W. W. Bolls,
Chairman.

D. -REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend that the following named brethren constitute

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Bethel, L. H. Haygood; Beulah, D. P. Mitchell; Centreville, A. A. Rcark; Concord, Geo. M. Cain; East Fork, E. A. Bates; Ebeneezer, C. A. Young; Galilee, E. B. McLain; Hopewell, T. J. Scott; Liberty, J. D. Lea; Mars Hill, P. L. Marselas; McComb City, D. M. Huff; Mount Zion, H. I. Weathersby; Mount Pleasant, W. M. Ezell; New Hope, Franklin Co., P. N. Foy; New Hepe, Amite Co., P. A. Green; New Providence, W. P. Gardner; New Salem, John Byrd; New Zion, O. D. Newman; Rameh, W. L. Smith; Sarepta, W. E. DeLaney; Siloam, Wm. McAllister; Summit, W. E. Cotten; Zion Hill, K. L. Butler.

Place of meeting—New Zion church. To preach Introductory sermon at next Association, Eld. C. H. Otken. Al-

ternate, Eld. R. J. Stewart.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BURRIS,
Chairman.

E.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSTRACTS.

Your Committee on Abstracts of Letters would submit the following report:

Bethel—Has had some trouble, but is progressing. Elder T. C. Schilling, pastor.

Beulah—Received by petitionary letter. Committee on said letter and Articles of Faith, report said church orthodox. Pastor, Elder J. R. Mullin.

Centreville—Church prosperous. Pastor, Elder Peter Turner.

Concord—Received by petitionary letter. Committee on said letter and Articles of Faith, report said church orthodox. Pastor, Eld. R. N. Hall.

Ebeneezer—"Peace and harmony prevails in our church." Pastor, Eld. T. C. Schilling.

East Fork—Reports spiritual development, and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Eld. R. J. Stewart, pastor.

Galilee—Reports improved spiritual condition and brotherly love prevailing. Eld. W. W. Bolls, pastor.

Hopewell—"The Spirit of our Redeemer has overcome all obstacles to our higher spiritual development." Eld. D. S. H. Cox, pastor.

Liberty—Reports the love of Christ prevailing and church at work for the advancement of true and practical religion. Pastor, Eld. R. J. Stewart.

Mars Hill—Reports progress, especially in the Mission cause. Eld. R. N. Hall, pastor.

McComb City—Reports good spiritual condition. Eld. J. H. Lane, pastor.

Mount Pleasant—Received by petitionary letter. Committee on said letter and Articles of Faith, report said church orthodox. Pastor, Eld. W. J Weatherly.

Mount Zion—Reports some discord among the membership. Pastor, Eld R. N. Hall.

New Hope, Amite county—Received by petitionary letter from Magee's Creek Association. Committee on said letter and Articles of Faith, report said church orthodox. Pastor, Eld. G. N. Bankston.

New Hope, Franklin county—At Peace. Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg, pastor.

New Providence—"We have received a visitation from on high. God has been in our midst." Pastor, Eld. Thos. Lansdell.

New Zion—Has great reason to be thankful. Pastor, Eld. J. M. Cook.

Summit—Nothing encouraging to report. Eld. C. H. Otken, pastor.

Sarepta—Reports a great revival. Eld. T. M. Ellerbe, pastor.

Siloam—Reports peace and harmony. Eld. G. W. Farmer, pastor.

Ramah—In cold condition. Eld. R. J. Boone, pastor.

New Salem—At peace. Pastor, Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg.

Zion Hill—Progressing slowly. Eld. R. J. Stewart, pastor.

W. I. CAUSEY.
Chairman.

F.—WOMAN'S WORK.

During the year there have been seven societies organized n this Association and two in other Associations. Number

of miles traveled, 492. The amount of money raised by the several societies during the year is as follows:

Gloster	
Liberty	86 00
Centreville	81 00
Zion Hill	40 00
East Fork	192 20
Ebeneezer	27 65
New Zion	7 00
Hopewell	4 00
Mars Hill	38 00
Summit	77 30
McComb City	66 15
New Providence	63 60
Rameh	7 55
Mount Zion	6 50
	1 00
Total	697 95

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. P. L. BATES,

Vice-Pres. of the Central Com. on Woman's Work for Miss.

G.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report, that in our opinion, there has not been such a wide-spread spirit of Missions, since the days of the Apostles as there is to-day. Our churches are being swayed by its power as never before: the camp fires are burning brightly and the armies of God are rapidly pushing their conquests into the uttermost parts of the earth. It is with gratitude that we record the fact that our Baptist Zion is in hearty accord with this great work Nearly every church letter to this Association made special mention of the subject of Missions. They are not in sym-

pathy with the work only, but are investing their money in it. Still there is much more to be done. Indeed, the work is only begun, let us push forward with cheerful hope. The reports from the field are sufficient to show that the blessings of God rest upon the work. Converts are being multiplied; new churches established, more missionaries are going out and more money is being received to sustain them, and the sweet song of the builders of to-day shall be followed by the shout of the victors to-morrow. God in His tender love has prepared the field by opening up the gates that have been closed against us for so long, and to-day, the heathen in nearly every benighted land are appealing to us for the bread of Life. God has also answered our prayers by giving us laborers for the field. In our own Association we have a young lady, Miss Mattie Cook, who has given herself to God for a foreign missionary.

RESOLVED, That we have entire confidence in her piety, and believing that the Holy Spirit has impressed her with that special work, we recommend that this Association receive and adopt her.

RESOLVED, That this Association proceed at once to raise funds to defray the expenses of Sister Mattie Cook while completing her education at the Blue Mountain Female College.

RESOLVED, That we request the pastors to take this matter in hand and bring the subject of Foreign Missions squarely before the people, endeavoring to obtain a contribution from every member, thereby bringing the churches up to their full measure of duty on this all important subject.

RESOLVED, That we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal to members of the churches, as most effectual in bringing them in hearty sympathy with the work, containing, as it does, the information which we think our people need to

prompt them to action.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. L. A. Stranburg,
Chairman.

H.—REPORT OF COMMIMTEE ON LEA FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee on the Lea Female College would respectfully report: This excellent school began its twelfth year last month. It is not a large school; but has done a large work. The alumnæ numbers forty-four. Its course of studies is equal to that of the oldest colleges for young ladies in the South and a diploma from its president is an honor to any young lady. The practical instruction there imparted has elicited from competent judges the very highest encomiums and its reputation for superior work is unquestioned.

The last legislature passed a bill, which has since become a law, prohibiting the sale, barter or giving away of intoxicating liquors within five miles of the college building when we consider the status of this college; The ability, and faithfulness of its officers and teachers, and above all the Christian influence exerted by the graduates, we can but regard the school as a blessing, not only to the community where it is located, but to the entire people of South Mississippi, and therefore recommend it to all who have daughters to educate.

D. M. Huff,
Chairman.

I.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTION.

Your Committee on Sustentation would urge upon the churches the importance of contributing to the support of aged and infirm ministers, who have worn themselves out in preaching the gospel. And we do recommend that the mem-

bers of the Executive Board, with the ministers, be requested to bring this matter prominently before their respective churches, and that all contributions for this purpose be forwarded to the Treasurer, and that he be instructed by this body how to appropriate same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BURRIS,
Chairman.

J.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROHIBITION.

Your Committee on Prohibition would respectfully report: That steady progress has been made in this line of our work for the last few years, and even since the last meeting of this body much has been accomplished within the bounds of Mississippi Association in eradicating the last saloon and the building up of a healthy public sentiment in our midst. This, we believe, is due, in a great measure, to the indefatigable efforts of many of our Christian men and women, and the firm stand that most of our churches have taken in this matter. Our progress in this direction must necessarily be slow. No such reform involving in its success a revolution of popular sentiment and practice can be rapid in its advancement. Intemperance had long and universally prevailed until it had shaped all things into conformity with itself. Even many of the members of our church were under its full sway and influence. It had grown to be a giant system of sin, more compact, more firmly intrenched, and capable of sterner resistance than any other. "It stood defiant on the field, triumphant over the dictates of religion, the instincts of humanity, and the promptings of self-interest. The great object of the temperance reformation, as we understand it, is to educate on this point, the moral sense of the whole population, so that, as speedily as possible, intemperance, with all that produces and sustains it, shall be regarded and

located as a crime against God and man. We have undertaken in this reformation to renovate the entire social body – to eradicate the strong prejudices and customs which have come down to us from the day of drink, to enlighten and purify and elevate all classes of men irrespective of political parties and party affiliations. We believe that the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a common beverage is a crime in the sight of God and is inimical to the true interest of individuals and destructive of the order and welfare of society, and ought therefore to be prohibited. We believe "that it is neither right nor politic for the State to afford legal protection and sanction to any traffic or system that tends to increase crime, to waste the natural resources, to corrupt the social habits and to destroy the health and lives of the people; and that no consideration of private gain or public revenue can justify the upholding of a system so utterly wrong in principle." Your committee, believe that it is the duty of Christians to prevent sin and crime by removing its sources in as much as the Christian religion is the only means whereby govern mental methods are purified according to moral and legal methods. We think it very inconsistent, at least for a church member to arraign, or vote for the exclusion of a brother on the grounds of drunkenness when he, by his own vote and influence, has laid the temptation before him, "and that it is unchristian conduct for a church member to patronize saloons, to sign a whisky petition, to vote for the legalized sale of intoxicants as a beverage, or in any way give countenance or encouragement to this iniquitous traffic.

W. W. Love,
Chairman.

K.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committe on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report:

The Sunday School is indeed the auxiliary of the church, and we are glad to believe that the Sunday School work is enlarging. The number of schools are increasing and through their influence and by their work many are brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is, in Christ Jesus. We believe there is no grander work in which we, as church members, can engage. It gives employment to our young members, and, we believe, that those who engage in this work make the most useful and zealous Christians. We believe that each church should see to it that a Sunday School is organized in its vicinity, and see that the Bible is taught in its simplicity and truth. We believe that the church should examine the literature given into the hands of the pupils and see that Baptist doctrines are inculcated.

Respectfully submitted,

P. L. MARSELAS.
Chairman.

L.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries find that a goodly number of our brethren and sisters have died since our last Association, and while it is a painful duty, we take pleasure in giving the names of those whom God has called from labor to rest:

Zion Hill—Lilly McGehee and Amanda Reeves.
Galilee—Charles Ratcliff, S. S. Faust and Mary Hoff.
Mt. Zion—Rebecca A. McGehee, Emily Cain and Lucretia Porter.
Hopewell—Louisa Roach.
Ramah—One, name not given.
Sarepta—Winnie Thompson.
New Providence—Margaret Causey.
Mars Hill—Laura E. Kenna, Amelia Johns, M. L. Lilly and Nancy P. McDowell.
Liberty—Theodore McKnight, Sr.
East Fork—One, name not given.

E. T. SMITH,
Chairman.

M.—IN MEMORIAM.

Deacon S. E. McDonald is no more. He died at his residence in Wilkinson county, Miss. March 3rd, 1888. While he was not a member of this body when he died, yet his connection had only been severed from us about a year and that was not because he wanted it. He ever loved the old Mississippi Association and in order to be at its meetings, has made more sacrifices and rode more miles than any other man in it. His devotion to his Savior was always set forth by his works. In ministering to the sick in his own community, he will certainly be missed, for he was ever ready to go to their bedside, and withal, he was a very good physician and knew how to minister as well as nurse. His charity was unbounded. He was always ready to feed and entertain strangers. In reference to his church he was regular. No business or worldly care stopped him from going. His money was freely given to support the cause. He was always on the Lord's side and was so well posted in the Bible that he could meet any opponent to our doctrines successfully.

Our Brother was very impulsive in his nature, but the restraining grace of Christ and prayer always kept him on the right track. He was born June 17th, 1813; united with Hepziba Baptist church, October, 13th 1841, united with Percy Creek Baptist church and was ordained deacon in 1848 and in 1849 was married to Mrs. Susan Hart. In 1883 he moved his membership to the Woodville Baptist church and died March 3, 1888. Brethren, a noble man has gone. Too much cannot be said in regard to his zeal and consecration to God's cause.

RESOLVED, That in the death of Bro. McDonald, we have lost a firm and unfailing friend and Carey Association has lost a good member.

RESOLVED, that we tender to his wife our sympathy in her loss in her old age.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. BOLLS,
W. Z. LEA,
Committee.

N.—PLAN OF WORK.

At each session of this body there shall be appointed an Executive Board, to consist of one member (a layman) from each church, to which shall be added all the ordained ministers of the Gospel within the bounds of the Association. This Board to be empowered to act for the Association in all matters pertaining to the question of mission work, between the adjournment and meeting of the body. This Board shall be located at New Zion church until, in the wisdom of the Association, some other place is considered more desirable. They shall meet regularly, once a quarter, regulating all the details of the meetings themselves. In organizing, they shall elect a President and Secretary, the Treasurer of the Association being required to meet with them to receive all money collected by them. This Executive Board shall, through their Secretary, make a report in detail to the Association at each session. In order to secure a full attendance at each meeting of the Board, any member prevented or hindered from attending, may represent himself by proxy. In order to secure a quorum at each meeting, five brethren shall constitute a quorum. The clerk of the Association shall keep this plan amended from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CAIN,
Chairman.

O.—PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Pastoral Support beg leave to report that, in their opinion, this branch of our work is without any system, and altogether inadequate for the rapid advancement of the Master's cause; that the burden does not fall equally on all alike; that some pay more than they are really able

to do, while others pay but little, others nothing—thus leaving our ministers poorly paid, and it is the opinion of your Committee, that if there is a class that have a heavy burden to bear, that of our ministers is the heaviest. We would therefore recommend to the churches to systematize their methods of paying their pastor's salaries; that they pay them quarterly and that every member, by the help of God, carry his end of the stick and not let his brother or sister carry it for him, thereby leaving your pastor free from suspense to do the Master's work.

Your Committee recommend that pastors urge upon the deacons of their respective churches, their duty in the financial affairs of their churches, and thereby remove the complaints of members toward distressed ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Z. LEA,
Chairman.

P.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would report as follows:

Received for Associational fund	$85 70
" " Missions	74 40
Total	$160 10

K. L. BUTLER,
Chairman.

Q.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. Z. LEA, Treasurer, in account with The Mississippi Baptist Association.

The Treasurer is charged as follows, viz:

To this sum bal. due Asso. at last report	$ 1 80	
Received from Finance Committee	77 70	
		$79 50

Disbursement of above as follows:

Paid D. M Huff, for printing minutes	$60	
" " " " " his services	25	—85 00
This balance was paid out of the Missionary fund		$5 50
Received at East Fork at Association 1887 for the Convention Board		201 35
Rec'd from Liberty church for Con. Board '88		92 75
" " East Fork " " " " "		86 95
" " Mt. Zion " " " " "		38 05
" " Mars' Hill " " " " "		164 15
" " New Providence " " " " "		38 35
" " Ebenezer ch. " " " " "		22 75
" " Centreville " " " " "		17 50
" " Ramah " " " " "		8 90
" " New Salem " " " " "		3 35
" " Summit " " " " "		15 50
" " Hopewell " " " " "		10 00
" " McComb City & " " " "		15 75
" " Gallilee ch. " " " "		5 00
" " Bethel " " " " "		6 00
" " a Baptist brother and sister—names unknown, 1888		20 00
Rec'd from Bro. Hazlewood of New Providence for Board		10 30
Rec'd from Toler Sabbath School		1 00
" " Finance Committee, last session		74 40
" " Bal. due Con. Board, last report		1 50
" " collection on Sunday of Assoc'n		44 37
This sum disbursed for Convention Board		877 90
Paid J. B. Gambrell, for Board	$111 00	
" J. T. Christian, " "	674 60	
" J. T. Christian, " "	24 00	
" S. H. Thompson,—by order of Assoc'n	50 00	859 60
Bal. in Treasurers hands		$18 30

The undersigned Committee appointed for the purpose of auditing the Report of W. Z. Lea, Treasurer, of the Mis-

sissippi Baptist Association, beg leave to submit the foregoing statement, as their report. Upon a careful examination of all the receipts of funds which have come into his hands as Treasurer, and the vouchers submitted to your Committee showing the disbursement of the same, and find them correct in every item, both of receipts and expenditures.

GEO. F. WEBB,
J. D. LEA,
Committee.

ARTICLES OF FAITH
OF THE
Mississippi Baptist Association.

1. We believe in only one true living God, and that there is a trinity in persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God; are of Divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world, are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept

by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church —the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privelige of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion, and to give themselves as members of the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly members

who are immoral in their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to scripture.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association"

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If on examination found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association manifested by the moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members: then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the conference, neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended, from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations only as respect form.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power, in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as associates, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Pastors.	Clerks.	Clerk's P. O.	Incr'e.			Decr'd			Membership.	Associational Fund.	Missions.	Ministerial Educ'n.	Min'sterial Help.	Sustentation.	Benevolence.	Building.	Total.	No. Ministers wanted.
				Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.										
Bethel	T. C. Schilling	L. H. Haygood	Liberty																
Beulah	J. R. Mullins	Eugene McIntyre	McNair	10	1		1			61	3 00	6 00							
Centreville	Peter Turner	G. P. McGehee	Centreville	4	8		1			16	1 50					5 45		14 45	25
Concord	R. N. Hall	J. I. Godbold	Little Springs	1	12		1			40	3 00	79 00						1 50	10
East Fork	R. J. Stewart	C. R. Cook	Dickey								1 50	4 00						82 00	30
Ebenezer	T. C. Schilling	R. D. J. Smith	Otho	40	6	5	3	5	1	233	6 25	63 65						5 50	15
Galilee	W. W. Bolls	S. T. Van Norman	Gloster	15		2	4	2		182	5 00	22 75		14 50	26 30		876 50	987 30	50
Hopewell	D. S. H. Cox	H. H. Magee	Veto	37	17	1	4	2	2	230	6 00	39 00		110 00	100 00			327 75	45
Liberty	R. J. Stewart	W. Z. Lea	Liberty	7		1	5		1	58	3 00							246 00	50
Mars' Hill	R. N. Hall	J. A. Burris	Summit	1	4	1	3			186	5 00	127 15						3 00	25
McComb City	J. H. Lane	E. H. Montgomery	McComb	7	6		6	14	4	204	6 00	186 30		18 50				132 15	40
Mount Zion	R. N. Hall	W. H. Cain	Little Springs		10		3			131		25 50						200 80	60
Mount Pleasant	W. J. Weatherly	J. C. Wales	Meadville	28	2		26	6	3	253	8 00	27 05		22 00	13 90			25 50	30
N. Hope, Franklin	W. L. A. Stranburg	D. W. Mullins	Hamburg	9	1					21	1 50	1 40						70 95	75
New Hope, Amite c	G. N. Bankston	T. P. Honea	Dickey	17		1	12			63	3 00	5 50		4 50				2 90	30
New Providence	T. Lansdell	J. C. Causey	Merwin	1			3	1		36	2 50							13 00	15
New Salem	W. L. A. Stranburg	Henry Ballard	McCall's Creek	6						101	3 50							2 50	20
New Zion	J. M. Cook	Z. E. Nunnery	Liberty	4	2	1	7	1		54	1 30	8 25	1 60					3 50	35
Rameh	R. J. Boone	W. L. Smith	McCall's Creek	2			2			70	2 25							10 45	12
Sarepta	T. M. Ellerbe	E. G. Cater	Hamburg	2	2	1	14	4	1	177	5 00	16 80			5 00			2 25	25
Siloam	G. M. Farmer	W. D. Jones	Zion Hill	16	4	24	10	10	1	166	3 00	5 20						26 80	45
Summit	C. H. Otken	M. C. Dunn	Summit	4	1	1	5	4		73	2 50	7 25						8 20	20
Zion Hill	R. J. Stewart	W. R. Jacobs	Zion Hill		4		11			146	3 00	84 80	8 00	12 95	15 55			9 75	25
				2			5	3	2	125	5 00	5 90			10 50	20 25	173 55	393 30	
																		21 40	40